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Application of: Robert A. SIKES *et al.*

Application No.: 09/933,797

Group Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: Zeman, M.

For: ISOLATION AND USE OF FETAL
UROGENITAL SINUS EXPRESSED
SEQUENCES

Attorney Docket No.: 9901-0012-999

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

THE AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 18-43, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-4, 12 and 13 to read as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence containing the urogenital sinus-derived expressed sequence tag comprising